

LODDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

1949

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

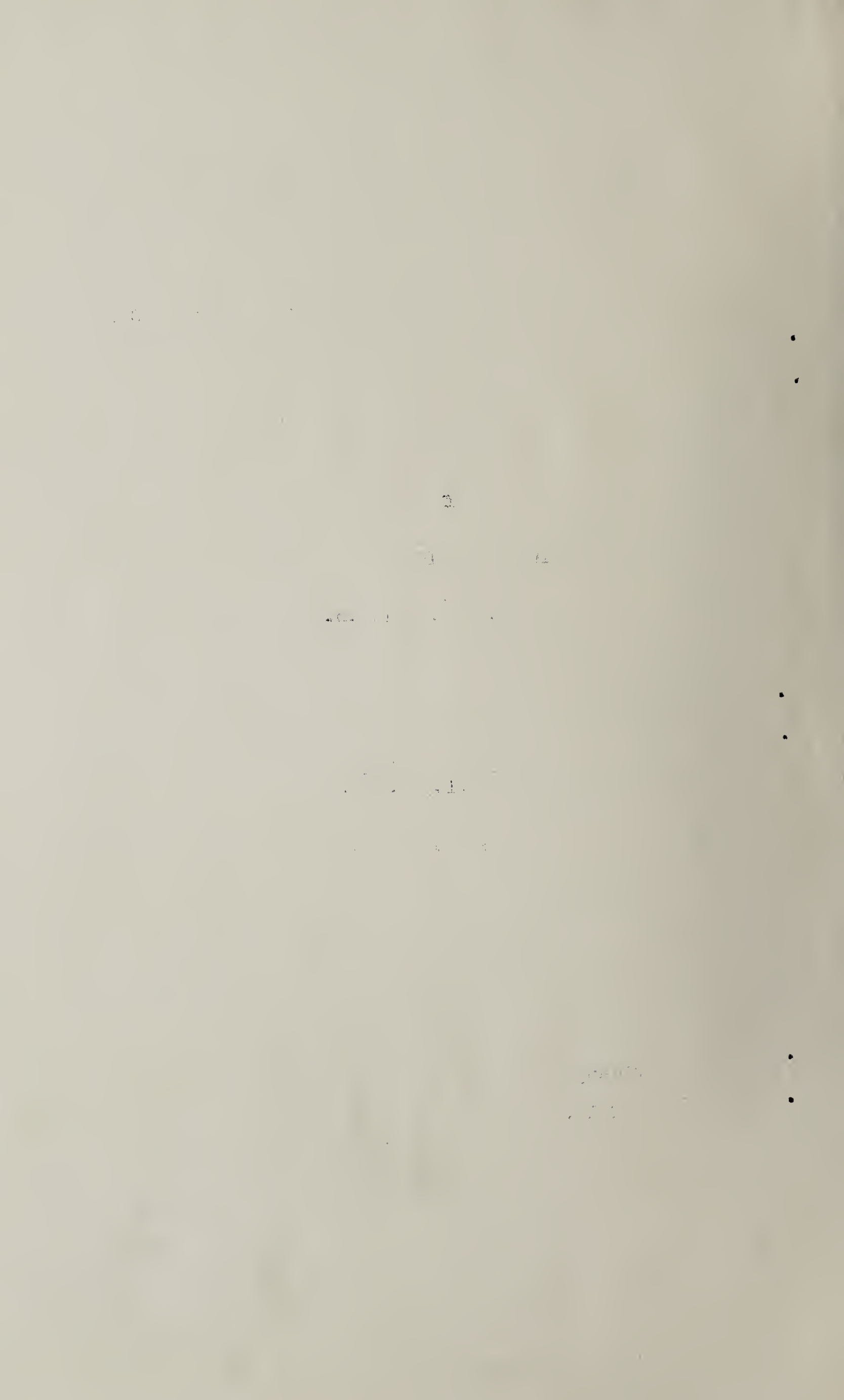
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M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

and the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

K. S. Starling
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THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949 OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE LODDON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the
Loddon Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1949 which is complied according to the directions of the Ministry of Health.

Yours faithfully,

W.W.Sinclair, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H.

M.O.H. Loddon Rural District.

Vital Statistics

Details of the vital statistics for the Loddon Rural District are given below.

The Registrar General estimates the population to be 12,560, which shows an increase of 160 over the population for the year 1948. The Live Birth Rate was 15.45 per 1,000 which is 1.25 less than the general rate for England and Wales but almost exactly the same as the Birth Rate in the Loddon Rural District during 1948. Many districts have shown a decline in the Birth Rate over the same period so it is interesting to note that it is maintained in your district.

The Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population was 10.58 which is only very slightly more than the Death Rate for 1948. The Death Rate for England and Wales during 1949 was 11.17 per 1,000 so that the Death Rate for your area continues to be slightly less than that for the country as a whole. There were 61 more births than deaths during the year.

The Still Birth Rate for 1949 was 44.33 per 1,000 total births which shows a small improvement over the figure for 1948.

The mortality rate for infants under one year was 20.62 per 1,000 live births which shows an increase over 1948 but is not unduly high.

There were 7 deaths from notifiable infectious diseases during the year under review and of these 4 were due to pulmonary tuberculosis and 3 to pneumonia.

There were no deaths in the Rural District attributable to childbirth or other maternal causes which

is highly satisfactory.

There was no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year. There were only two cases of Scarlet Fever and no cases at all of Diphtheria. There were a few sporadic cases of Whooping Cough during the 2nd. and 3rd. quarters and similar cases of measles towards the end of the year. There ~~were no cases~~ ^{was one} of acute anterior poliomyelitis notified in the district during 1949.

On the 31st. December, 1949, there were 61 cases of tuberculosis on the Register of your district, 1 less than the figure for the previous year. The 61 cases were made up of 42 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 19 non-pulmonary tuberculosis. There has been an increase of 2 in the pulmonary group of cases and a reduction of 3 in the non-pulmonary type. There is, therefore, no marked increase in the incidence of tuberculosis in your District,

Details of Vital Statistics

Births and Deaths :

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	100	88	188
Illegitimate	3	3	6
	<u>103.</u>	<u>91.</u>	<u>194.</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 15.45

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6.	2	8.
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live births - 44.33.

Deaths

Number - 133 (Males 64. Females 69)

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population - 10.58.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births -

Deaths from Tuberculosis	-	4
Deaths from Pnuemonia	-	3
Deaths from Cancer	-	27
Deaths from Heart Disease	-	56

<u>Causes of Deaths : (Analysis)</u>	<u>Total (all ages)</u>
Respiratory tuberculosis	4
Cancer	27
Cerebral Haemorrhage	12
Heart Diseases	56
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	5
Bronchitis	2
Pnuemonia	3
Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum	4
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1
Other digestive diseases	1
Congenital Malformations and Birth Injuries	3
Suicide	4
Road traffic accidents	2
Other violent causes	2
All other causes	7
	<u>113</u>

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases During 1949 the following notifiable infectious diseases occurred in the Loddon Rural District

	<u>1st.</u> <u>Qur.</u>	<u>2nd.</u> <u>Qur.</u>	<u>3rd.</u> <u>Qur.</u>	<u>4th.</u> <u>Qur.</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	8	3	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	1	1
Measles	-	-	6	9
Ac. Pnuemonia	5	2	1	1
Erysipelas	1	-	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	1

Total number of Infectious Diseases - 43

In conclusion I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement during 1949 and my term of office as Medical Officer of Health, Loddon Rural District. I should also like to give a special word of thanks to Mr. Starling and his staff for the invaluable assistance they have given me.

Loddon Rural District Council.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR - 1949

To the Chairman and Members of the
Loddon Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for
the year ending 31st. December, 1949.

Yours faithfully,

K.S. STARLING, C.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector. Building Surveyor.

Bakehouses.

There are three in the District and these are kept in
a satisfactory condition.

Slaughterhouses etc.

No killing has taken place in the slaughterhouses since
the Government established central killing, other than the
killing of pigs for owners own consumption, under licence from
the food office. Four slaughterhouses are licenced to kill
pigs under licence.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Licenced slaughtermen number 17.

Disinfection

Fumigation was carried out in 26 houses - 20 in respect
of verminous premises.

Water Supply

The extension of the main to Bedingham has been completed
and this has met the needs of several places which were without
any supply.

The Depwade R.D.C. are taking a supply from the Topcroft
Bore which supplies the 39 Hutments taken over by the Council
at Topcroft.

Proposals for further extensions to mains have been
submitted to the Ministry of Health and sanctions are awaited.

Water Supply (Continued)

The total mileage of main laid in the District to date is 15½ miles.

Connections made to the main during the year were as follows:-

	<u>Meter supplies</u>	<u>Council House</u>	<u>Houses Stdps.</u>	<u>Private House</u>	<u>Stdps.</u>	<u>Total for yr.</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Brooke	7	-	-	16	4	27	110
Loddon	17	-	-	34	2	53	140
Mundham	5	-	-	4	-	9	12
Seething	2	-	1 (sup.8 hss)	-	-	3	27
Chedgrave	2	8	-	4	-	14	17
Woodton	8	-	-	11	4	23	24
Bedingham	9	-	-	13	-	22	22
Topcroft	1	39	-	-	-	40	40
Ditchingham	1	30	2	12	2	47	47
			(sup.22 hss)				
Kirstead	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
				Totals :		239.	440.

The Plumbing Department has carried out maintenance work on mains and the Council House supplies and has made connections to the main at the cost of the consumers,

During the year the shortage of water has become more serious and the Council have had to purchase a lorry to enable supplies to be delivered. The shortage is widespread and 123,408 gallons have been supplied during the year. Deliveries are made three days a week.

Sewerage

The Sewerage Schemes for Brooke, Loddon and Chedgrave are working satisfactorily. One attendant is employed full time. Maintenance is also carried out at sewage works on Council Housing sites.

The number of premises connected to the sewers is as follows.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Private houses</u>	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Loddon	76	61	137
Brooke	38	24	62
Chedgrave	5	18	23
Ditchingham	-	30	30
Totals :	119.	133	252

Scavenging

As in previous years scavenging has been carried out by contract in Loddon, Chedgrave and part of Ditchingham up to July 1st. A direct labour schemes was commenced from that date, serving Loddon, Chedgrave and Ditchingham for night soil, and Loddon, Chedgrave, Ditchingham, Brooke and Mundham for day refuse. A Shelvoke and Drewry Freighter with a detachable night soil container is used and the staff consists of Driver/loader and two Loaders.

The scheme is working satisfactorily. Two sites have been purchased for the depositing of refuse, one at Chedgrave the other at Ditchingham. Garages have been erected at the Sewage Works at Loddon.

Condemnation of Food

The following were condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

	<u>Tins</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Ham loaf	1	-	12
Corned beef		116	4.
Bacon	-	9	-
Beans	3	-	-
Milk	87	-	-
Cheese	-	24	-
Herrings	4	-	-
Crayfish	2	-	-
Salmon	1	-	-
Luncheon Meat	1	-	12.
Tomato Soup	2	-	-
Orange Marmalade	1	1	8
Peach Jam	2	4	-
Beef	-	8	-

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE AND REGISTRATIONS

Milk and Dairies Order, 1925

Milk (Special Designations) Orders

Cowkeepers - Producers and Retailers	168
Butter makers	5
Milkshops	1
Accredited producers	60
T.T.Producers	35

On the 1st October, 1949 the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 and the Milk(Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations and the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations came into operation.

The former transferred the responsibility for registration of dairy farms to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

This authority is now responsible for :-

- (a). the registration of distributors of milk and Dairies not being Dairy Farms, under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.
- (b). The issue of Dealers Licences and supplementary licences under the Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations.
- (c). the issue of supplementary licences under the Milk (Special Designations)(Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949.

Inspections

Cowsheds	10
Dairies	7
Bakehouses	8
Knackers	27
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	3
Visits re sewerage	256
Special visits with M.O.H.	7
Special visits	82
Special complaints	10
Special visits re water supply	157
Meetings with builders and owners	62
Special Visits re Scavenging	37
Meat Inspection	32 Carcasses of Pork
Petroleum Acts	6
Factory and Workshops Act	6
Inspections re Building Byelaws	68
Visits re A.R.P. shelters	27
Visits re Moveable dwellings	5
Visits re Infectious Diseases*	49

* This figure includes special visits in connection with the case of Anthrax in an employee at a Knacker's Yard.

Building Byelaws

Plans submitted	97
Plans approved	93
Dwellings in course of erection at 31.12.49 (Private enterprise)	2
New drains tested	140.

Housing and Town Planning

Plans submitted	116
Plans approved	102.
Plans refused	1
Plans withdrawn by applicant	-
Plans which were in respect of permitted development	3

Slaughter houses

Licensed	4
Inspections	25.

Control of Civil Building

Applications for Building Licences were received in connection with :-

New premises	13
Conversions	3
Repairs (Housing)	40
TOTAL :	<u>56.</u>

Rats and Mice Infestation Order, 1943

During the year house to house inspections were carried out in the larger parishes, and treatment given where necessary. The work is carried out by the Pests Department of the Norfolk Agricultural Executive Committee.

Ice Cream Registrations - 12. Two manufacturing the remainder selling pre-packed Ice-cream.

Inspections of Premises - 6

Water Samples

Fifty-one samples were taken for Bacteriological and Chemical Analysis, 24 were found unsatisfactory.

Dwelling Houses etc.

	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Abated</u>
Water Supply	9	9
Drains defective	8	8
Drains choked	2	2

My thanks are again due to the Council and Committee for such interest and support as they have given during the year to further the cause of Public Health, and to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr.W.W.Sinclair.

